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SUBJ: EXCHANGES - 1975-76 ROMANIAN GRADUATE STUDENT AND
RESEARCH SCHOLAR NOMINEES

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1. ON JANUARY 23 AND 30, EMBASSY INTERVIEWED 19 OF 20 ROMANIAN NOMINEES IN "GRADUATE STUDENT/YOUNG INSTRUCTOR" CATEGORY AND ENTIRE SLATE OF 25 NOMINEES FOR "RESEARCH SCHOLAR" CATEGORY FOR 1975-76 ACADEMIC YEAR. PRESENT TIMETABLE CALLS FOR COMPLETED DOSSIERS TO BE PRESENTED TO EMBASSY DURING MEETING AT MINISTRY OF EDUCATION FEBRUARY 7. FOLLOWING EMBASSY PROCESSING, THESE WILL BE FORWARDED TO DEPARTMENT AND PLACEMENT AGENCIES FOLLOWING WEEK.

2. PROBLEM RAISED REGARDING ROMANIAN NOMINEES IN "GRADUATE STUDENT/YOUNG INSTRUCTOR" CATEGORY (REFTEL) ET SEQ. HAS BEEN DISCUSSED WITH MINED AND IS SUBJECT FORTHCOMING GILBERT-RICHMOND O-I. EMBASSY WISHES TO CALL DEPARTMENT'S ATTENTION AT THIS TIME TO RELATED MATTER OF ARTICLE I, SECTION 4 (SIXTY PERCENT REQUIREMENT) AND REQUEST CONCURRENCE WITH OR COMMENTS ON OUR PROPOSALS TO EFFECT ROMANIAN ATTENTION TO THIS MATTER.

3. EMBASSY INTENDS TO PRESS FOR CLEAR DEMONSTRATION OF ROMANIAN ADHERENCE TO SPIRIT OF FORMULA ALONG LINES OF APPROXIMATE ONE-

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THIRD/TWO-THIRDS SPLIT, ALTHOUGH WE WOULD NOT INSIST IN THIS FIRST YEAR ON DEMANDING STRICT ADHERENCE TO PRECISE NUMERICAL

FORMULA. AT PRESENT, ONLY THREE OF TWENTY "GRADUATE STUDENT/YOUNG INSTRUCTOR" NOMINEES ARE IN THE HUMANITIES AS ARE THREE OF TWENTY-FIVE "RESEARCH SCHOLAR" CANDIDATES.

4. WE PROPOSE TO SUGGEST TO MINISTRY THAT AT LEAST SIX "RESEARCH SCHOLAR" SLOTS SHOULD PROPERLY BE RESERVED FOR NON-SCIENCE ACADEMIC SPECIALTIES. "GRADUATE STUDENT/YOUNG INSTRUCTOR" SITUATION IS COMPLICATED BY FACT THAT, OF SEVEN DOCTORAL CANDIDATES LISTED STATE 019106 (ALL OF WHOM WILL RETURN FOR 1975-76 AND WILL THUS BE COUNTED AGAINST TOTAL OF 17), SIX ARE IN PURE ANDSWPPLIED SCIENCE FIELDS. OF REMAINING TEN SLOTS, WE PLAN TO SUGGEST THAT AT LEAST FIVE BE USED FOR THE HUMANITIES. THIS TYPE OF APPROACH, EMBASSY BELIEVES, WILL CALL MINISTRY ATTENTION TO SECTION 4 WHICH HAS, OBVIOUSLY, NOT HAD TIME TO BECOME A MAJOR FACTOR IN THEIR INITIAL SELECTION OF CANDIDATES. ESSENTIALLY, WE RECOMMEND WE PRESS FOR GREATEST POSSIBLE COMPLIANCE WITH PROVISION AT SAME TIME AVOIDING BOTH STRICT NUMERICAL CONFRONTATION AND DISAGREEMENT OVER DEFINITION OF TERMS.
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